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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated November 20, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks, together with a three-month Petition for Extension of Time and appropriate fee. Since May 20, 2007 fell on a Sunday, this Amendment is timely filed with extension on Monday, May 21, 2007.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 11 of this document.

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